

The Early Pioneers

ISAAC RIDDLE SR. He was the first known white man to see and enter the valley. He was searching for a lost cow. He with Hehu Blackburn and Robert Richey set up the first sawmill in Pine Valley and Washington County. It was known as the Riddle Mill.

UMPSTEAD RENCHER He was put in charge of the Church cattle. He was released from the church job while in Grass Valley but stayed there and made a fortune with his farming and stock raising.

DORINDA MOODY SLADE She came from Texas and was in the group that was called to Washington to raise cotton. She, with others in this group, came to Pine Valley. Here she was made the second president of the Relief Society. Under her direction the Pine Valley Relief Society Granary was erected, and the women began to store wheat that they gleaned from the fields after the men were through cutting and hauling the grain away. She was noted for her beautiful quilts. One of them won the first prize in the World's Fair in San Francisco.

ROBERT LLOYD He was a member of the group that was called to the Cotton Mission in Wahington. Here he became Bishop R.D. Covington's 2nd councelor. He was Washington's first Sheriff and Tax Collector. He with others moved to Pine Valley where he became Justice of the Peace.

JAMES B. BRACKEN SR. In 1862 he set up the first shingle mill in Washington County. It was located at Mud Springs on the Santa Clara Creek between Pine Valley and what later became known as Hunt's Ranch.

ISRAEL DODGE ALLPHIN He with James B. Bracken Sr. came south with the group that settled St. George. They were called up the Santa Clara Creek and settled at a place later known as Hunt's Ranch. There he set up a sawmill. He moved to Pine Valley and became the shoemaker of the town.

ELI WHIPPLE He with his wife Patience Foster and 3 children came to Pine Valley. He owned the first dairy in the valley. It was located on Cabin Valley on the mountain which still bears his name.

PATIENCE F. WHIPPLE She was the wife of Eli Whipple and one of the town's early mid-wives.

M.E. "SELL" BRACKEN He was the son of James B. Bracken Sr. and was the last one of the older generation to die. He died Oct. 20, 1954. This picture of him was taken when he was 91.

ROBERT GARDNER JR. After selling his share of the Riddle Mill he set up the second sawmill in Pine Valley. It was the first circular mill in the valley. He sawed timber for the St. George Temple and Tabernacle, also for the Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ.

CYNTHIA B. GARDNER A wife of Robert Gardner Jr.. She was an early mid-wife in Pine Valley.

LENORA C. GARDNER A wife of Robert Gardner Jr.. She was one of the later mid-wives but was a mid-wife for many years.



Isaac Riddle Sr.



Umpstead Rencher



Dorinda Moody Slade



Robert Lloyd



James B. Bracken Sr.



Isreal Dodge Alphin



Eli Whipple



Patience Foster Whipple



M.E. "Sell" Bracken



Robert Gardner Jr.



Cynthia Berry Gardner



Lenora Cannon Gardner

EBENEZER BRYCE He and the Browns had a sawmill together. He was a ship builder from England and was the architect for the Pine Valley Church.

SYLVESTER EARL Brought the first lathe to Pine Valley and became the cabinet maker for the town. He was likely the first cabinet maker in the county.

HARRISON BURGESS He with his brothers, William Jr. and Melanchton, erected the third sawmill in Pine Valley. He was a counselor to Bishop William Snow who converted him to the Mormon Church back in New York.

EDWARD & ANN WARREN He was an Indian Fighter and a member of the Militia in Washington County. Ann was one of the first, if not the first, of Pine Valley's music teachers.

DANIEL TYLER He was a member of the Mormon Battalion. He was the second school teacher in the Upper Town of Pine Valley.

WILLIAM GARDNER He worked with his father, Robert Gardner, in the sawmill business. He was Pine Valley's third bishop, and served three terms as president of the New Zealand Mission.

ASA S. CALKINS He established the first gristmill in Pine Valley. It was used to grind grain for all the surrounding towns.

LORENZO BROWN He ran one of the early sawmills. His journal is the best source of information, of the life in Pine Valley, on record.

BISHOP WILLIAM SNOW He was Pine Valley's first bishop after it became a ward. He was the first school teacher in the Lower Town of Pine Valley, and was Probate Judge of Washington County.

ANN R. SNOW She was a wife of Bishop William Snow, and was one of Pine Valley's first mid-wives. She was President of the Relief Society for over 30 years.

DAVID MILNE He was the outstanding painter in the Dixie Mission. He painted the doors in the Pine Valley chapel.

PETER JACOBSON He was Pine Valley's tanner. He was a member of the Martin Handcart Company and had some of his fingers frozen off on the trip.



Ebenezer Bryce



Sylvester Earl



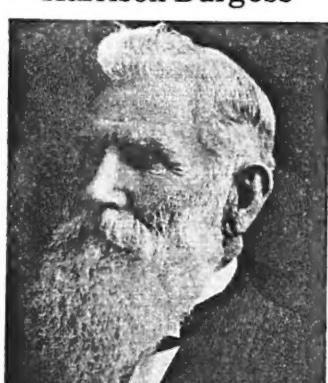
Harrison Burgess



Ann & Edward Warren



Daniel Tyler



William Gardner



Asa S. Calkins



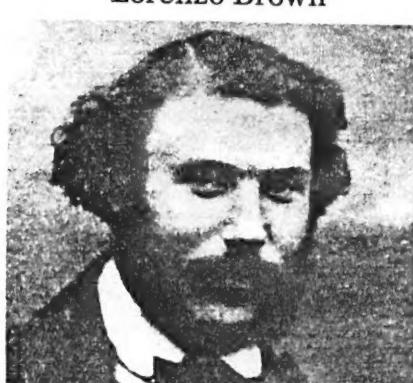
Lorenzo Brown



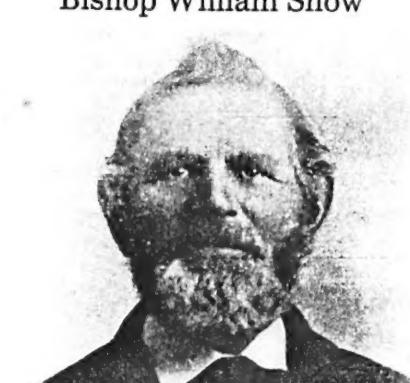
Bishop William Snow



Ann Rogers Snow



David Milne



Peter Jacobson

THE STORY OF PINE VALLEY

By Bessie Snow and Elizabeth Snow Beckstrom

“LET THIS BE HEAVEN”

H.R. Merrill

Oh, God, let this be heaven
I do not ask for golden streets
Or long for jasper walls,
Nor do I sigh for pearly shores
Where twilight never falls;
Just leave me here beside these peaks,
In this rough western land,
I love this dear old world of Thine
Dear God, you understand.
Oh God, let this be heaven
I do not crave white stainless robes,
I'll keep these marked by toil;
Instead of straight and narrow walks
I love trails soft with soil;
I have been healed by crystal streams,
But these from snow-crowned peaks
Where dawn burns incense in the day
And paints the sky in streaks.
Dear God, let this be heaven
I do not ask for angel's wings
Just leave that old peak there
And let me climb 'till comes the night
I want no golden stair,
Then, when I say my last adieu
And all farewells are given
Just leave my spirit here somewhere
Oh God, let this be heaven.